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A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Debra Sheinin, President; Cheryl May, Vice President; Judy Menashe, Francois Tenenbaum, Shari L. Amitrano, Jonathan D. Altus, Chana Jeter

April 4, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting began at 7:15 PM.

Mrs. Sheinin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following routine recommended actions were approved:

- Settlement agreement and release pertaining to a classified student.
- Resolution and Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association for the period of 7/1/22 - 6/30/28.
- Adoption of the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$135,017,834. The proposed budget will be presented to voters on May 16, 2023.
- Schedule of Bids.

A resident asked about the impact of the teacher's contract on the budget.

Dr. Altus thanked the negotiating team and praised their ability to come to a fiscally responsible agreement.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

WORK MEETING

The work meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Mrs. Sheinin welcomed the community and read the protocols to be followed by speakers from the audience.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Donnelly. There were no questions.

The District's Internal Claims Auditor, Ms. Shari Diamond of Cerini and Associates, LLP, provided a quarterly activity report. There were no questions for Ms. Diamond.

Mrs. Amanda Kavanagh introduced Mrs. Michele Hochhauser, P-12 Chairperson of English Language Arts. Mrs. Hochhauser reviewed the New York State Next Generation ELA Learning Standards and shared information on the upcoming Tri-State P-5 Literacy Review. The visit is scheduled for October 11-13, 2023 and preparations are underway. Mrs. Hochhauser provided an in-depth review of the ELA programs and special events in all buildings. She shares news with the community through her use of Twitter and the Teaching, Learning, and Technology newsletter. To view Mrs. Hochhauser's presentation, please click [HERE](#).

Mrs. Jeter inquired about writing support at Woodmere Middle School. Reading teachers also address writing.

Dr. Altus thanked Mrs. Hochhauser for her thorough report and asked if the District will continue to teach grammar at all levels. He also asked about the use of artificial intelligence to improve writing skills. Mrs. Hochhauser responded that it is still too early to evaluate the use of artificial intelligence.

Mr. Tenenbaum asked about the use of auto correct. Mrs. Hochhauser shared that the feature is not meant for our youngest students and can be turned off by teachers.

Community member, Ms. Hilary Newman, asked about the uniformity of the ELA curriculum at the elementary level.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following reports: Budget Status, Revenue Status, Preliminary Fund Balance, and Extraclassroom.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following Business Office Resolutions: Participation in Cooperative Purchasing for the 2022-2023 School Year and Participation in Cooperative Purchasing for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Acceptance of the 2023-2024 Property Tax Report Card.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Contracts, the Transfers of Appropriation, the Surplus Equipment, and the Addendum to the Kevin Bayen Music Award Scholarship.

Dr. Marino reviewed the Nassau BOCES Administrative Operations Budget of \$25,220,812 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Marino reviewed the election of three members to the Nassau BOCES Board for the seats expiring on June 30, 2023.

Dr. Marino reviewed the members of the Board of Registry and Inspectors of Election for the May 16, 2023 budget vote.

Dr. Marino reviewed the resolution to approve the appointment of an Acting District Clerk for the May 16, 2023 budget vote. If needed, Dr. Marino will serve as the Acting District Clerk.

Dr. Marino reviewed the proposed dates for Board of Education meeting dates for the 2023-2024 school year. After a brief discussion, the item was moved to the May 10 Work Meeting.

Mrs. Kavanagh reviewed the Schedule of Conference and Travel. Mrs. Hochhauser will attend the Wilson Certified Teacher Conference and Foundations Conference in Boston in July. Dr. Marino will attend the Leadership For Educational Achievement Foundation Summer Institute at Harvard in July. Dr. Smyth and Ms. Pernick will attend the Harvard Graduate School of Education conference in April. Dr. Bissoondial will attend the New York State Science & Engineering Fair in Dallas in May.

Mrs. Kavanagh reviewed the trip proposal for the Robotics Competition in Houston, Texas in April.

Dr. Marino shared the following policies for initial review: #0115, Student Bullying, Harassment Prevention and Intervention; #2160 School Board Officer, Members and Employee Ethics; #4526 Network and Technology Acceptable Use Policy; #5300 Code of Conduct; #5465 Child Abuse in an Educational Setting; and #5500 Student Records.

Dr. Marino shared the following policies for final review: #0001 Mission Statement and Vision; #0110 Sexual Harassment; #4000 Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines; #7100 Facilities Planning; #8414.5 Alcohol and Drug Testing of Bus Drivers; #8700 Insurance; and #9520.2 Family and Medical Leave.

Speaker cards were received from the following community members:

- Donna Goldstein, who spoke about child abuse in an educational setting.
- Kelly Joyce-Shapiro, who spoke about a curriculum matter that occurred in a seventh grade classroom.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 18, 8:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

May 3, 6:00 PM, Annual Budget Hearing, Woodmere Education Center

May 10, 7:30 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

May 17, 8:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

May 16, 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM, School Budget Vote and School Board Elections, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE: Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the April 4 Work Meeting.